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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 8th April 1960.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

I—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

* 621 *Q.*—MR. SPEAKER: The Hon. the Minister for Industries has not yet come. So, question No. 621 would be taken up later.

Tree tax

* 622 *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR (on behalf of SRI V. ARUNACHALA THEVAR): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the enhanced tree-tax recently ordered by the Government is applicable to Pudukkottai Division ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Yes, Sir.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know the reason for such increase ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: The rate was a very old one which was fixed long, long ago. So, considering the present condition it was raised.

SRI V. SUBBIAH : எங்கள் பகுதியிலே பனை மரத்திற்கு வரி விதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. பனை மரத்திற்கு விதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கும் வரி குறைக்கப்படுமா ? அல்லது அதை பூராவும் நீக்குவதற்கு அரசாங்கத்திற்கு உத்தேசம் உண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : பனை மரத்திற்கு குறைவாகத் தான் வரி விதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. மற்ற மரங்களுக்கு ரூ. 1-8-0. இதற்கு வரி 4 அணா தான்.

SRI S. LAZAR: Sir, in view of the fact that this highly backward area of Pudukkottai Division has been enjoying this privilege of paying a smaller tax or perhaps no tax in most cases all these years, especially during the Rajah's regime, will the Government consider the desirability of just abolishing it, if not just enhancing it only by a small extent ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: I cannot make any distinction between one area and another. In the course of integration, they have to lose some privileges which they may have been enjoying and they will get some privileges which they may not have been enjoying.

SRI A. V. P. ASAITHAMBI : அரச மரத்திற்கு வரியிலிருந்து விதிவிலக்கு அளிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? அரச மரத்து அடியிலே விநாயகர் இருப்பதன் காரணத்தினால், அந்த மரத்திற்காவது விதி விலக்கு அளிக்க அரசாங்கம் முன் வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : அதற்கு வரி விலக்கு இருக்கிறது. விநாயகர் இருப்பது மாத்திரமல்ல. அரசமரத்திலிருந்து பிராண வாயு கூட வருகிறது.

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SRI. K. VINAYAKAM: Sir, did the Government receive any protest from those dumb and mute trees that the tax levied upon them is too excessive ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Sir, the day has not yet come when trees can speak.

Copyist-Examiners

*623 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI (on behalf of SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Copyist-Examiners of the Revenue Department in Tiruchirappalli, who were retrenched from service during the year 1955 consequent on the separation of Judiciary;

(*b*) the length of service of the employees so retrenched; and the details of retirement; and

(*c*) the benefits paid to them ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) Seven Copyists and four Copyist-Examiners.

(*b*) *Length of service.*—Particulars of service are available only in respect of four employees. They had put in service ranging from about 25 years to about 34 years at the time of retrenchment. Particulars in respect of the other employees are not available.

Details of retirement.—As soon as finalisation orders were received from the High Court, the District Magistrate (Judicial), Tiruchirappalli, reverted seven Copyists and four Copyist-Examiners to the Revenue Department as they were overaged even prior to 1st January 1955 when the scheme of separation of the Judiciary from the Executive was introduced in the district. Out of these, those who were too old for useful service, (i.e., 9 of them) were weeded out from the Revenue Department as per orders of the Government and considered as retired from service.

(*c*) Nil so far. Claims for compassionate gratuity in respect of two deceased Copyists were rejected by the Board.

Proposals for sanction of gratuity in respect of three Copyists and one Copyist-Examiner are now with the Board. Proposals for sanction of gratuity in respect of one Copyist and one Copyist-Examiner are being called for from the Tahsildars concerned. Two Copyists are still in service as piece-work Copyists. No application has been received for benefit from one Copyist-Examiner.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Sir, since the retrenchment matter has been pending with the Government for the last five years, may I know when the Government propose to give this benefit ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: நான் இப்பொழுது சொன்ன தகவலிலிருந்து அதெல்லாம் பரிசீலனை செய்யப்பட்டு ரிபோர்ட்டு வந்திருக்கிறது. அது பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கிறது. அது முடிந்த பிறகு, இதற்கு ஒரு முடிவு ஏற்படும்.

SRI K. RAMACHANDRAN: Is it a fact that no dearness allowance is paid to these Copyists-Examiers and if so, will the Government think of paying that allowance to them ?